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# THE MANAGER

## DOUGIE FREEDMAN



**Today brings the curtain down on a season which has at different times been frustrating and disappointing, and at other times exciting and satisfying.**

There have been spells where we have looked on a par with virtually any team in the league, and other times where we have found life difficult.

It is very pleasing and important to finish the season well. I am happy with our recent form, having only suffered two defeats in our last 14 games and we're hoping to extend that to 15 this afternoon. It leaves us in a good frame of mind looking to next season.

Our away record stands in comparison with virtually any in this league, barring the top three or so teams. Indeed, if we had been able to turn many of the drawn home games in to victories we may have been on the verge of the play-offs at this stage of the season.

At the time of writing we have gained two more away points than we have at home, though hopefully we can redress that balance today.

We are all confident that with the help of you, the fans, we can improve that home form next season and mount a serious challenge at the top end of the division.

There will obviously be changes in personnel in the summer and we are hoping to recruit sufficient players to enhance our squad. Obviously, one or two players will be leaving us for pastures new.

Of course we'd like to say a thank you and goodbye to the players who will be leaving the

club. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the loan players for their contribution to our season. We've already been able to make the Neil Danns deal permanent, and hopefully more of those will follow.

Indeed, we will of course be looking to strengthen our squad during the summer and recruit as well as we have done over the last year or so.

Today we welcome Lee Clark, his players and the rest of the staff, board and supporters of Birmingham City Football Club. This game obviously has an added importance for them. We will be doing everything to ensure we give as professional a performance as we can, regardless of the opposition and their situation.

You, the fans have been very supportive in our home games throughout the season, and I hope we can bring that passion to the table once again right from the get-go next season.

Virtually every detail of the pre-season has already been planned out, both in terms of training and friendly matches, in order to maximise our chances of getting off to a good start. If we do that, with you, the supporters, behind us, I feel sure we can go on to have a successful season.

Once again, from all of the staff at Bolton Wanderers, thank you for your support of the players this season.

Enjoy the final day.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DOUGIE FREEDMAN'.



# NEWS BOARD

## HALF TERM FUN FOR YOUNGSTERS

A number of Wanderers' up and coming youngsters took part in the club's football courses over the recent Easter break.

Under-21 regular and Luxembourg international Yannick Bastos took time out to participate with local children on the popular holiday camps, with under-18 quartet Nathaniel Phillips, Tyler Garratt, Carl Kennedy and Kieran Nolan also joining in the fun after training.

Held at the club's Lostock training facility and St Catherine's academy, youngsters aged between five and 13 were provided with quality coaching focused on fundamental skills which incorporated small sided games.

The children who attended the courses were also given a free ticket for today's Sky Bet Championship game against Birmingham City.

Speaking regarding the courses, the Trust's Community Cohesion manager Ben Laycock said, "It's always great to see these young players having the chance to train at a high quality facility such as Lostock - we have seen in the last few first team games that local youngsters are being given their chance in the first team and hopefully that will inspire these young boys and girls.

"It is also great to see the reaction of the youngsters whenever players get involved with them - it is proof that if they work hard, they can achieve their dreams too."

For more information on the club's holiday courses, please visit [www.bwfcjuniors.co.uk](http://www.bwfcjuniors.co.uk).



### CHARITY WALK FOR FORMER REFEREE HALSEY

Retired FIFA referee and cancer survivor Mark Halsey is due to take part in a 900 mile charity walk later this month.

An event held in memory of former St Helens, Hull and Wakefield Wildcats rugby league international Steve Prescott MBE who sadly lost his life to cancer last November, Mark will be one of eight walkers who will attempt to complete the distance in just 12 days.

The former official's fellow walkers include former rugby league stars Lee Briers of Warrington Wolves plus St Helens duo Tommy Martyn and Paul Sculthorpe.

The walk will begin on May 5 at Land's End, with those involved aiming to reach John O'Groats on May 16 with several high profile sports stars due to support the team by joining them on parts of the journey.



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For those wishing to sponsor Mark, they can do so by visiting [www.justgiving.com/MarkHalsey2](http://www.justgiving.com/MarkHalsey2).

# BWSA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**Tim Ream was recently crowned as the Bolton Wanderers Supporters Association (BWSA) Player of the Year.**

The American international pipped Neil Danns to the gong, which was presented at the BWSA end of season social held at the Reebok Stadium last Tuesday evening.

"It's nice obviously to be recognised by the club's official supporters association," Ream said after collecting the award.

"It's a great feeling knowing that they feel I've done a good job this season over the 40 or so games that I've played.

"I'm not here to strive for individual glory. It's very humbling, but at the end of the day it's a squad game and all of the boys on the roster do a job for the team."

Aside from the Player of the Year award, there was also a special moment for club stalwart Andrew Dean, who was presented with the Dave Higson outstanding service to Bolton Wanderers award.

For more information on the BWSA, please visit [www.mybwsa.co.uk](http://www.mybwsa.co.uk).

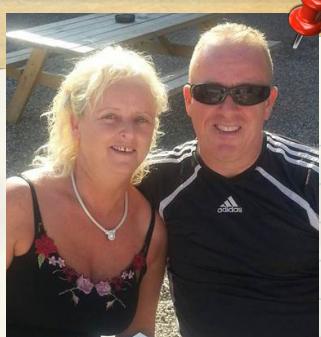


## RECOGNITION FOR RICHARD

**Wanderers' head groundsman Richard Norton has been recognised for the second successive year in The Football League's end of season awards.**

Set up to acknowledge the importance of the quality of pitches for professional football and the head groundsmen and their staff who produce the best playing surfaces, Richard has again been highly commended alongside Queens Park Rangers' Dave Butler after being lauded last season.

The pair were narrowly beaten to the main accolade by Middlesbrough's Tony Bell.



Welcome to **Paul Byrne** and **Anne Brown** from Wexford, Ireland who are visiting the Reebok Stadium for the first time this afternoon.

We hope they enjoy their day.

# THE SKIPPER

## ZATKNIGHT



**We come into the final game of the season this afternoon off the back of a convincing victory at Hillsborough last weekend – one which we will be hoping to replicate come kick off today.**

Sheffield Wednesday were a difficult side to come up against, but we went there in a rich vein of form and we scored some very good goals to win the game.

The lads were all thrilled as well for Liam Trotter to get off the mark, and to do it in the style which he did is testament to the hard work that he puts in on the training pitch.

It would've been nice to get a clean sheet, but it was something of a wonder goal that they scored and I don't think anybody could have done anything about it.

It was great again to see such a great following at Hillsborough who were in great voice as they have been all season long, so it was nice to give them a result to remember on the last away game of the campaign.

We really have come into our stride in recent months and it is frustrating that it has come just a bit too late for us to make a push for the play-offs.

We had a similar experience last season and ended up narrowly missing out, but the past two years have been a massive learning curve for us and we're determined to take the experiences we've had to start next season as we mean to go on.

I think I speak for all the lads when I say that it hurt seeing Leicester celebrate winning the Championship here at the Reebok in our last home game as they are who we aspire to be – with the squad that we have got, we're more than capable of challenging with the very best.

Naturally, over the summer months there will be additions to the team and some departures, but the coaching staff at this football club have got the know-how in regards to helping us get to where we want to be, and that is fighting for promotion.

I firmly believe that we can compete up there amongst the very best, but we mustn't allow ourselves to get complacent as we head into the new campaign.

Looking ahead to today's game, it's going to be a difficult clash against a Birmingham side who are fighting for their lives.

They come into this game needing a positive result to stand any chance of staying in the division - they've had factors off the pitch which have played their part in their struggles this season and being from Birmingham myself, it would be sad to see them go should they not preserve their status.

Unfortunately however, that is football – at the end of the day, we want to finish the season as strongly as possible and we need to go out there today and put on a performance to end on a high.

Ironically enough, it was against Birmingham that we picked up our first league win of the season back in October during a difficult spell for us – it seems so long ago now, but it is also so fresh in the memory.

We held on for the win at St Andrew's that day and it kick-started a good run of form of us, so with any luck this afternoon we can secure a similar result to send the fans into the summer break with a smile on their faces and relishing next season.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this year. Naturally there have been some difficult times, but you've stuck with us and we hope that we have gone some way to repaying your dedication with recent results and performances.

Have a great summer and enjoy the game.



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# TIM REAM

SINCE JOINING WANDERERS IN JANUARY 2012 FROM MLS OUTFIT NEW YORK RED BULLS, TIM REAM HAS ENDEARED HIMSELF TO THE BOLTON FAITHFUL WITH A NUMBER OF IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCES IN THE WHITES' BACKLINE – DISPLAYS THAT HAVE SECURED THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL THE PLAYER OF THE YEAR ACCOLADE FOR THE 2013/14 CAMPAIGN.



# As voted for by the club's supporters, the 26-year-old also emerged victorious in a poll conducted by the Bolton Wanderers Supporters Association to round off a personally fruitful year for the defender both on and off the pitch. Following the receipt of his award, Ream sat down with the Bolton Wanderers matchday programme to reflect on the past ten months of life at BL6.

## Congratulations on winning the Player of the Year, Tim! How does it feel?

It's always nice to be recognised, especially by the club's supporters, so it's a great feeling knowing that they think I've done a good enough job this season over the 40 or so games that I've played in.

Saying that though, I'm not somebody who looks for personal accolades but it's really rewarding and humbling to receive an award like this - I really appreciate the votes.

## After sitting out the first few games, it seems there was no stopping you once you were involved it seems...

Definitely not. Like any footballer, I just want to play games and thankfully I've done that this season. It's not just down to me though - the backroom staff have been fantastic and have definitely played their part.

What they do for us as players is unbelievable and a lot of credit should go to them in regards to helping us stay fit and healthy enough to play so many games in such a demanding league.

From a personal point of view, this has probably been the best season of my career to date, particular in regards to the number of appearances I've made and obviously my performances as well.

Performing consistently on a weekly basis is hard to do for any player in any league, especially the Championship with it being so demanding physically, but it's definitely been a learning curve for me.

## You have also found a second home in the left-back position this season following an injury to Marc Tierney...

It was one of those things where I was happy to step in to help out the team in any way that I could and it was something that I'd said prior to the season even starting.

I'm willing to do whatever I can to help

the team to win games and that just so happened to be at left back, but I've just tried to hang onto that position and make it my own.

With any position, it will always take a few games to get used to it and there's always going to be certain moments where you're not at your best, but when you get instances like that they're good to learn from and that's what I've tried to do this season.

No matter where you're playing on the pitch, there's always the opportunity to learn and develop and I feel like that is what I've done during this year - it's simply a matter of bettering yourself as a player.

## With you set to finish your second season as a Championship player, how would you say the league as a whole affected you as a player?

The past two years have definitely been a real eye opener - last season I didn't feature as much as I would have liked to, but when I did I was a little unnerved purely by how different the style was other leagues.

There are so many demands in the Championship and to begin with I probably wasn't prepared for that but it definitely gave me motivation going into last summer to really contribute this year and hopefully I was able to do that.

## You've been in England now for just over two years. Have you settled into the way of life over here?

Absolutely. That's also a big factor whether people believe it or not - if you're not settled off the field, then it is hard to settle on it.

It got to the point where last summer I had to focus on making sure my life outside of the game was comfortable so that I could perform at my best on it, and with any luck that seems to have worked.

In my own mind, I feel happier than I ever have been in all aspects of my life and hopefully the fans have noticed that too in the way that I've been playing on the pitch.

My wife and I welcomed our little boy two months ago too - he's thriving and sleeping through the night which is obviously a huge bonus for me! It's great though, just having your own little family and I wouldn't change it for the world.

## It's certainly been a season where you've made your name, both as a player and for your distinctive facial gear!

Yes, my mask! The whole situation of how I broke my nose at Queens Park Rangers was very interesting, but luckily I do remember all of it as I wasn't concussed or anything.

It was just a case of going to head the ball and Charlie Austin came into the challenge maybe half a second too late and I ended up smacking my nose into him - I'm still not sure whether it was his elbow or his head, but it was painful!

It was only about ten seconds into the game too - there was a lot of blood, stitches and it turned out that I'd cracked my nose in three places. It's just one of those things that comes with the job though and I've just got on with it.

The mask itself though has earned me all sorts of nicknames - Zorro of course is a popular one and Phantom of the Opera, but it's all in good fun.

## Your injury allowed Hayden White to make his senior debut, with a number of youngsters coming into the fold in recent weeks. How have they settled into the squad?

They done really well. Obviously with Hayden, I was too out of it with my injury to see him perform against QPR, but just from working with the younger guys you can see that they deserve their shot.

You see the players like Andy Kellett who is a local guy - he's come in on the past few games and just taken it to another level, while Oscar Threlkeld came into the starting line-up against Sheffield Wednesday and did an unbelievable job.





I've seen a lot of players make their debuts, and his is definitely up there with the best of them which is a credit to him and hopefully that continues.

Those who have been involved deserve all their plaudits – they've worked so hard with the under-21 team during the course of the season and they're finally making that breakthrough and rightly so.

**The team head into today's game against Birmingham looking to end the campaign on a high, but naturally there will be a tinge of disappointment that we're not fighting for promotion as we were this time last season?**

Undoubtedly – this year has just been very frustrating for us. We didn't have the best of starts and the general consensus is that if we can start as we mean to go on come August, then we'll be in the perfect place to push on and fight it out up there.

We had a decent run before Christmas before slipping up a bit, but since the middle of February we've picked up again – it's ultimately a lack of consistency and it's something that we're determined to fix and eradicate next season.

The past two seasons have definitely been a learning curve for us all – we know what our downfall has been, we know where we've gone wrong and everybody will see a different approach from us next year.

**There have certainly been some memorable games this season – which one would you pinpoint as the best performance of the campaign?**

It's quite hard to pick out just one game, but the run that we went on in late February and into early March where we managed three shut-outs in four games is definitely a highlight of the season.

We started against Watford with a 2-0 win at the Reebok and then defeated Blackburn 4-0 before going to Elland Road and beating Leeds 5-1.

You look at those three games and you see the types of performances that we are striving for on a weekly basis and they were without doubt the best three performances of the year.

Especially Leeds though, you go to a big

club like them and you expect them to be up there pushing for promotion, so to go there and be 5-0 up until the dying minutes of the match was incredible.

It was definitely a fun game to be a part of – to have Zat Knight find the back of the net and for Mark Davies to score with his head, it was just a bit surreal and it's one that we'll all remember for a long time.

**Speaking of goals, you're yet to get off the mark for the club. Is that something that you're looking to add to your locker?**

Of course it would be nice, but I'm not a glory hunting kind of guy and I don't need to score goals. Naturally I'd enjoy scoring one every now and then but I'll take wins and shut-outs before I worry about myself scoring goals.

**Who would you say has been the toughest team and player that you've come up against this season?**

Reading were very good when we played them – they were just like a machine and they punished us on the day. In terms of players, there are just so many talented strikers and wingers in the league so I think it would be hard to just pick out one.

You're constantly on your guard in the Championship because of the high calibre of quality players and that in turn helps you develop into a better player yourself.

**Looking ahead to the summer months, you'll hopefully be jetting off to Brazil to play for the United States of America in the World Cup...**

With any luck that will be the case. Anyone who plays this game professionally dreams of playing for the country at the World Cup and I'm no different.

That's where I'd like to be come the middle of June, but whether I get that opportunity is not up to me. At the moment, all I can do is focus on what I'm doing here for Bolton Wanderers and hopefully my form will speak for itself.

With any luck, the USA staff will see what I've been doing this season and appreciate my efforts so I can hopefully get that chance, but if it doesn't happen for me then I'll just go again next time.

When I started the season it wasn't even on my radar in all honesty – truthfully, it hasn't really been in my thinking until the past few weeks when it's become a hot topic of conversation, but I haven't focused on it.

With things like that though, you can't allow your mind to get wrapped around it or caught up with it because as soon as you do that, you lose focus on your everyday performances which will ultimately get you into the international scene in the first place.

**It's been noticed that the team seem to be growing some impressive beards this season! Is there any particular reasoning behind that?**

The guys who can actually grow beards started doing so when it was no-shave November and it's just stemmed from there.

Obviously a few of the lads gave up once the month was over because they couldn't deal with the itchy faces, but me and a couple of the others kept them.

My wife claims that little kids and babies recognise people with beards more than those without – I've no idea how true that is though!

We've since had Liam Trotter come in who can grow a mean beard too, and obviously Matt Mills' is absolutely epic. I've actually trimmed mine, but I don't think he has. He's definitely got the best one in the team, that's for sure.

**Looking ahead to next season, what are your hopes both personally and for the team?**

For any player, you want to come back from the summer break as fit as you possibly can be and with any luck I'll be able to do that when it comes down to pre-season training.

As for what we want as a team, it's a no brainer – of course, we want to be challenging for promotion. What is going to get us there is a good start to the season, and if we can manage that then we're more than capable of getting there.

The past few years have helped us to find our feet in this league – we know where we've gone wrong and we're now more determined than ever to learn our lessons and kick on come August.

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# THE WEEK THAT WAS

April 26, 1978

**Frank Worthington's goal gave Wanderers a 1-0 victory over Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park and in turn saw the Whites promoted to Division One.**

The frontman's effort was enough to secure Bolton the two points they needed to confirm their promotion as champions of Division Two after five seasons in the second tier of English football.



April 29, 1944

**A man who was only 16 years old when he made his debut for the club as an amateur upfront alongside a then 35-year-old Nat Lofthouse, Francis Lee marked his first appearance with a goal in a 3-1 victory over Manchester City.**

Once signed professionally, Westhoughton-born Lee went on to notch an impressive 92 goals in 139 appearances for the Whites before joining Manchester City in the late 1960s, eventually ending his career with Derby County in the mid-1970s.



May 3, 1958

**A day to remember for all associated with the club, Wanderers defeated Manchester United 2-0 in the FA Cup Final at Wembley Stadium.**

Coming up against a Red Devils' side still rebuilding their team in the wake of the Munich Air Disaster, Bolton opened the scoring through the evergreen Lofthouse before doubling their advantage in controversial fashion as the Lion of Vienna bundled both United keeper Harry Gregg and the ball over the line, but the goal stood and Wanderers lifted the cup at the final whistle.



April 28, 1923

**Wanderers met West Ham United in the FA Cup Final at Wembley Stadium, with almost 200,000 spectators present – a number which led to an overspill of supporters onto the pitch and saw kick off delayed by 40 minutes.**

The match itself, which was won 2-0 by Wanderers, only eventually went ahead due to the patience of a policeman and his white horse – an action which eventually resulted in the game being dubbed as the White Horse Final.



May 1, 1953

**Nat Lofthouse was honoured by the Football Writers' Association at a high profile awards evening.**

Having impressed for both Wanderers and England, he was awarded the accolade of Footballer of the Year at the traditional Eve of Wembley dinner.



# BOLTON LEICESTER

**Date:** Tuesday 22 April 2014

**Competition:** Sky Bet Championship

**Venue:** Reebok Stadium

**Attendance:** 16,569

**Referee:** David Webb

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 Kick off. We're off and underway here at the Reebok. (1) 0-0 #BOLvLEI

 Good stuff from Trotter! He pushes past a few Leicester midfielders and releases @Lukeyjuke. His shot is then saved. (10) 0-0 #BOLvLEI

 Chung-Yong Lee and the #BWFC team are wearing black armbands. A mark of respect to those who lost their lives in the Korean ferry disaster.

 Off the bar! Knight's attempted clearance from a corner bounces into the ground and off the woodwork! (43) 0-0 #BOLvLEI

 Half time: #BWFC 0-0 Leicester. Visitors created the better of the chances, though @Lukeyjuke has had a couple of sights of goal. #BOLvLEI



## POST-MATCH REACTION

**Dougie Freedman on bwfc.co.uk**



"We created three or four chances, but they showed why they're champions with their mentality. They ground it out, got their chance and went and scored a goal. That is the most disappointing thing because I believe on another day, we could have won that football match."

**Andy Kellett on bwfc.co.uk**



"I thought the lads did really well and deserved at least a draw in the end, but to come on and make my professional debut for my hometown club is just a dream come true. They're a very good side, but it was just a privilege to get out there and play for my team."

**Nigel Pearson on lcfc.com**



"We've had an unbelievable amount of chances and we played some great football. It was a little bit self-indulgent at times as we tried to walk it into the net, but the players are confident. I can't complain."

Leicester penning Wanderers in at the moment, but the defence is so far standing strong. (52) 0-0 #BOLvLEI

Wonderful play from Beckford releases @Lukeyjuke! He takes a superb touch and fires inches wide of the far post! (63) 0-0 #BOLvLEI

Goal Leicester. Lloyd Dyer. (64) 0-1 #BOLvLEI

Bolton sub. Senior debut for @andykellett28. He's on for @RobHall46. (71) 0-1 #BOLvLEI

Full time: #BWF 0-1 Leicester. Dyer's goal wins it for the visitors and ends Bolton's seven-game unbeaten run. #BOLvLEI





**Chung-Yong Lee celebrates his late winner in this fixture at St Andrew's back in September 2009.**

Wanderers had opened the scoring early on in the clash courtesy of a Tamir Cohen strike, only to be pegged back with six minutes remaining as Kevin Phillips drilled home an equaliser.

Not to be denied however, the Whites hit back just two minutes later through the Korean to secure all three points in the Midlands.

UNDER18s

# QUESTION TIME

Name: Aaron Knight

Place of birth: Manchester

Date of birth: 14-3-1996

Position: Striker

Nickname: Just\_AZZ

Childhood team: Manchester City

Strengths as a player: Pace and skill

Weakness as a player: Heading

Highlight as a player so far: Signing my scholarship contract

Lowlight as a player so far: Suffering a long term injury

Toughest opponent: Fabio da Silva

Best player played with: Ravel Morrison

Biggest influence: My Mum

Biggest joker in the squad: Tom Walker

Favourite car: BMW M3

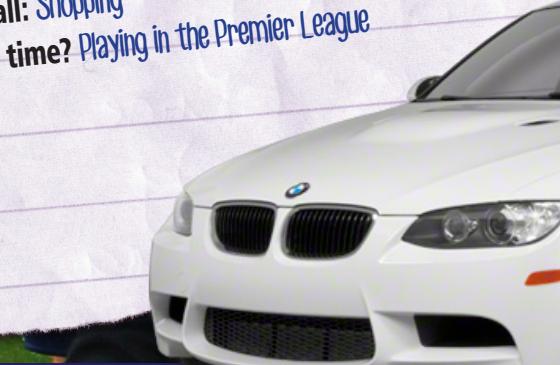
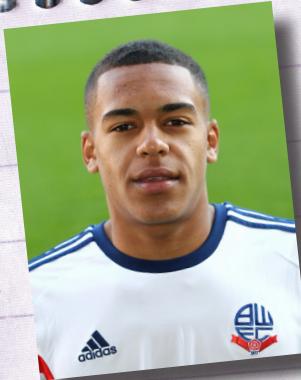
Favourite film: Home Alone

Favourite holiday destination: Barbados

Favourite place to eat: San Carlo

Favourite thing to do away from football: Shopping

Where do you want to be in five years' time? Playing in the Premier League



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# WEST HAM 2-2 WANDERERS



**Wanderers' under-18s were cruelly denied all three points in their penultimate game of the season in a 2-2 draw against West Ham United on last Saturday.**

Having fallen behind to an early Jordan Brown strike, Carl Kennedy drew Wanderers level half way through the first period before William Abbotts completed the turnaround 14 minutes from time.

The hosts were soon back on levels terms however through Brown yet again, and despite a flurry of attacks from both sides in the closing stages the game ultimately ended all square.

Prior to kick-off, West Ham's Kieran Bywater laid a wreath on the centre circle with a minute's silence held in memory of Hammers youngster Dylan Tombides who sadly passed away last month.

Once proceedings were underway in Essex, the home side almost made the perfect start as Brown burst past Bolton's defence, but his set up across the face of goal was blocked and cleared.

Not to be deterred however, Abbotts was proving himself a nuisance with his towering presence and nearly broke the deadlock with five minutes gone, but his neat half volley failed the trouble the West Ham goalkeeper.

With the game heading into double figures on the clock, Elliot Newby took a corner which found the returning Kieran Nolan for an unmarked header but his powerful effort bounced down and over the crossbar.

West Ham broke into the penalty area just five minutes later, but Bolton keeper Harry Campbell scooped Brown's cross to safety. Not to be deterred however, the hosts made no mistake moments later as a diagonal through ball went over the heads of the Bolton defence with Brown firing at Campbell who initially saved his effort, but the youngster was unable to keep out the rebound.

Despite falling behind, Wanderers were clearly a team on a mission and Hammers' goalkeeper Sam Howes made a superb quick reflexed one handed save to deny Abbotts from the edge of his box soon after.

The Whites got their just desserts in the 23rd minute however when after a sustained period of pressure and high tempo, captain Kennedy finished beautifully to level the scores.

West Ham were struggling to contain Wanderers by this point and Saul Hamer was almost presented a goal after quickly chasing down Howes' poor clearance, but the shot stopper somehow cleared his lines.



There was an opportunity for Brown to bag a brace against the run of play shortly before the break, but Campbell's outstretched fingertips pushed his curling effort around the post while Moses Makasi narrowly failed to connect with a dangerous ball into the box as the referee brought the half to an end.

The second period started with less vigour than the first, but it was to be the home side who enjoyed the first chance of the half as West Ham countered in numbers following a Bolton attack, but Djair Parfitt-Williams' tame shot was held by Campbell.

Following this, as the wind held Bywater's cross in the air, Djair reacted first to head at goal and over the watching Campbell, but Jordan Hendrie cleared with a swivelled hook to keep the scores level.

Having looked a threat all afternoon however, Wanderers finally took the lead in the 76th minute as some pedestrian West Ham passing led to a loose ball which Hamer gleefully collected before unleashing a pass across the face of goal for Abbotts to clinically fire home.

Their lead wasn't to last though as moments later, Djair played the ball into the path of Brown who levelled the scores once more with a wicked right footed drive.

It was clear to see that neither team were ready to settle for a point as the game entered its final ten minutes, with Bywater wasting a golden opportunity with a mistimed header at the back post, while Christopher Cvetko sprinted forward on a mazy run in injury time, but saw his eventual effort dragged wide.

Both sides pushed for a winning goal in the closing stages of the clash, but their efforts were in vain as the game ended all square.

*Bolton: Campbell, Hendrie (Spooner), Garratt, Perry, Honeyball, Kennedy (C), Newby, Nolan (Grittiths), Abbotts, Hamer, Cvetko*

# LEE PLEASED WITH YOUNGSTERS' RECENT EFFORTS

**David Lee praised his youngsters for their determined approach to last weekend's draw with their West Ham United counterparts.**

A clash which saw the Whites overturn an early deficit with goals from Carl Kennedy and Will Abbotts, a late equaliser from the home side denied Wanderers all three points in their second to last league clash of the campaign.

Despite leaving Essex ultimately disappointed at not picking up their 11th victory of the season, Lee believes that the manner in which they secured the point is testament to the hard work and dedication amongst his young side.

"I think overall, a draw was probably a fair result," he explained. "Performance wise, by the end of the game we had four under 16 players on the pitch who did very well so from a development view that's very good for us.

"During the game, West Ham asked a lot of questions of us and we showed them what we ourselves are capable of, so overall it was a very good performance.

"We are naturally disappointed that we conceded a goal so quickly after scoring our second, but once again that's a learning curve for the players and it is something we will take on board going forward and avoid it in the future.

"Aside from that though, coming up against a team like West Ham is never easy, so for the players to perform like they did is very pleasing and a credit to them."

With the club's youngsters having taken to the field in their final outing against Liverpool on Friday morning, the Whites' coach stressed the importance of his youngsters maintaining their momentum as they head into the new campaign and beyond.

"It's been a real learning curve of a season, but it's one that has been crucial in the development of the players," he explained. "As for next season, we've just got to carry on doing as we are doing and make sure that we start as we mean to go on.

"It's going to be an important year for a lot of the players, but it's one that we're already looking forward to and relishing."



# SHEFFIELD WED 1 BOLTON 3

Mattock 39

Danns 8  
Lee 19  
Trotter 30

**Date:** Saturday 26 April 2014  
**Competition:** Sky Bet Championship  
**Venue:** Hillsborough

**Attendance:** 23,070  
**Referee:** Andy Davies



Kick off. We're underway here at a sunny Hillsborough. #BWFC in the infrared kit. @oscar\_threlkeld at right-back. (1) 0-0 #SHEvBOL

GOOOALLLLL!!! DANNS!!! (8) 0-1 #SHEvBOL

GOOOALL!!! CHUNG-YONG LEE!!! (19) 0-2 #SHEvBOL

SENSATIONAL GOAL FROM TROTTER!!! (30) 0-3 #SHEvBOL

What a hit son! Trotter hammers a looping half volley from 35 yards into the top corner! (31) 0-3 #SHEvBOL



## SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

**SUBSTITUTES:** CORRY FOR MCCABE, 60; STOBBS FOR MATTOCK, 60; AFOBE FOR COKE, 85

**SUBS NOT USED:** JOHNSON, MARTINEZ, LLERA, BEST

### WANDERERS

**SUBSTITUTES:** JUTKIEWICZ FOR HALL, 73; KELLETT FOR BECKFORD, 79; YOUNGS FOR LEE, 90

**SUBS NOT USED:** KNIGHT, LONERGAN, ROBINSON, ILIEV

## POST-MATCH REACTION

**Dougie Freedman on bwfc.co.uk**



"We were right on our game, we created numerous chances to put ourselves three goals up and I felt that our performance was one of the best of the season on our travels."

**Oscar Threlkeld on bwfc.co.uk**



"We were really pleased, but all credit to Sheffield Wednesday because they came out and tested us in the first ten minutes and gave as good as they got, but we just defended well and hit them on the break which was ultimately the difference."

**Stuart Gray on swfc.co.uk**



"The disappointing thing is the manner of the goals that we've conceded – it wasn't good play. We did get a goal back which gave us hope, but even when we were attacking towards our own fans in the second half we weren't able to capitalise."

Goal. Wednesday have one back. Mattock with a sweet volley after a cleared corner. (38) 1-3 #SHEvBOL

Half time: #SWFC 1-3 #BWFC. Goals from @dannzy1, Chungy and Trotter in an entertaining opening 45. #SHEvBOL

Superb block by Mills just as Lavery was about to spin and shoot inside the area! (65) 1-3 #SHEvBOL

Chants of 'he's one of our own, he's one of our own' greet @andykellett28 on to the pitch. (80) 1-3 #SHEvBOL

Full time: #SWFC 1-3 #BWFC. Three-goal blitz inside the opening 30 mins secures victory at Hillsborough. #SHEvBOL



# OSCAR THRELKELD

## ACADEMY GRADUATE THRILLED WITH DEBUT VICTORY

**Having been handed his professional debut in last weekend's 3-1 victory over Sheffield Wednesday, defender Oscar Threlkeld admitted his delight at marking his first senior appearance with all three points in the Steel City.**

A key figure in the club's under-21 team during the past two seasons, the Bolton-born youngster became the third Wanderers' academy graduate to make his bow for the club inside five days as he completed the full 90 minutes in the win at Hillsborough.

The Whites' fifth victory of the season on Yorkshire soil with the team having already picked up maximum points on trips to Barnsley, Leeds United, Huddersfield Town and Doncaster Rovers during the course of the current

campaign, the 20-year-old hopes that his performance against the Owls will prove to be just the beginning as he bids to turn out for his childhood club on a regular basis.

"I felt like my debut went well," said Threlkeld. "I just had to focus on the game – I had a lot of encouragement from my team mates too which helped massively.

"I felt as a back four we played well together – our distances were correct and even when Sheffield Wednesday kept coming at us, we stuck together and held them out.

"The movement of the boys was tremendous really – the gaffer had said that in the first 20 minutes we needed to push them high and that's what we did and we were rewarded with our goals.

"We were really pleased, but all credit to Sheffield Wednesday because they came out and tested us in the first ten minutes and gave as good as they got, but we just defended well and hit them on the break which was ultimately the difference."

With just one game of the campaign remaining against Birmingham City this afternoon, the defender confessed his desire to introduce himself to the Reebok faithful should the opportunity arise.

"It would be great to make my home debut today, but I'll just have to wait and see. I've trained hard all week to prove to the manager what I can do, so hopefully it will be enough.

"All in all though, I'm just determined to work hard during the summer, come back for pre-season raring to go to and hopefully next season will be my year."



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# LETTERS GAME

**Birmingham City are the visitors to the Reebok Stadium this lunchtime for what is the final fixture of the season for both clubs.**

The Blues have been Bolton's end of season opponents on quite a number of occasions in recent times, including eight years ago when Ricardo Vaz Te gave Wanderers the narrowest of victories in a 1-0 success and four years ago as a Kevin Davies header and Ivan Klasnic effort was enough to earn a 2-1 victory despite James McFadden's late effort.

Back in October, Jermaine Beckford and Neil Danns scored their first league goals for Bolton in the reverse fixture at St Andrew's - a game which saw the Whites record their first league win in the Championship for this campaign.

Here are some things you may or may not know about Lee Clark's side from the Midlands.

## B is for Bradford

Joe Bradford has the distinction of being the highest goalscorer in Birmingham's history with 267 goals in all competitions between 1920 and 1935.



This season City's top scorer is Lee Novak with 11 strikes to his name following his switch from Huddersfield Town last summer.



## R is for Robinson

Birmingham City's captain is certainly a familiar face here at Bolton as defender Paul Robinson spent three years at the club under Gary Megson and Owen Coyle's management.

'Robbo' as he is affectionately nicknamed is well known for his wholehearted approach to the game and will be keen to impress on his return to the Reebok.



## I is for Incomings

Lee Clark has been a shrewd operator in the transfer market in recent months, using the loan system to bring in promising Premier League talents such as Scott Allan, Federico Macheda, Jordon Ibe, Tom Thorpe, Albert Rusnak, Emry Huws and Tyler Blackett.



## M is for Million

Trevor Francis became the first million pound player in British football history when moving from Birmingham to Nottingham Forest in February 1979.

The striker cost Brian Clough's team £1,180,000 and this set a precedent for others to quickly follow including Steve Daley from Wolves to Manchester City and Andy Gray from Aston Villa to Wolves.



# N

## is for N'Gotty

Former Reebok crowd favourite Bruno N'Gotty made the switch to Birmingham at the same time as Wanderers team mate Radhi Jaidi in 2006. The centre-half had been a key player in the Trotters' search for Premiership solidarity and was voted Player of the Year during his time at the club.



# H

## is for Height

Nikola Zigic is one of the tallest players in the Football League, standing at nearly 6ft 8in tall. The Serbian front man is one of the remaining Blues players from their Premier League days and is currently the club's record purchase having cost around £6 million from Valencia.



# M

## is for Music

'Keep Right On' has been Birmingham's anthem for the past half a century, with the song originally recorded by singer Harry Lauder and adopted by the Blues following their 1956 FA Cup campaign which saw them finish as runners up.

## is for Internationals

Birmingham have had international players from many countries down the years including Australia, Finland, Zimbabwe, Serbia, Jamaica, Chile, Ecuador, Czech Republic, France, Portugal, Canada, Tunisia, Nigeria, Honduras and Liberia.

It is Northern Ireland international keeper Maik Taylor who holds the most international appearances whilst at Birmingham however, gaining 58 of his 88 caps whilst at St Andrew's.



# G

## is for Gil Merrick

Goalkeeper Gil Merrick holds the record number of appearances in a Birmingham City shirt, playing 551 times for the Blues in all competitions. Born in the Sparkhill area of the city, Merrick spent his entire 21 year playing career with his hometown team as well as four years and over 200 matches as manager of the club.



# A

## is for Abbott

Walter Abbott holds both the record for most goals in a season with 42 in 1898/99 and also the most league goals in a campaign in the same year with 34. Alongside this, he is one of a select few players to have played under both the guise of Small Heath and the club's current name Birmingham City.



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Founded: 1875  
Nickname: The Blues  
Manager: Lee Clark  
Ground: St. Andrew's  
League Position: 22nd



## SO FAR THIS SEASON...

**Heading into the last day of the Championship season in the relegation zone, Birmingham City need to record a positive result against Wanderers today at the very least if they are to stand any chance of beating the drop.**

Having established themselves as a Premier League outfit for the majority of the past decade, it is only three years since they defeated Arsenal at Wembley to lift the League Cup and just two years since they were competing in Europe.

Now the unwanted holders of the worst home record in England having won just twice at St Andrew's all campaign, Lee Clark's side will be hoping for better fortunes this afternoon given that with their final game of the season is away from home soil.

In contrast, the Blues' away form is the only thing preventing them from already preparing for next season in League One, with only champions Leicester City, runners-up Burnley and promotion candidates Derby County and Reading having won more on their travels than Birmingham.

With nine away wins to their name, Clark will be desperate for that total to reach double figures as his side look to end what has been a turbulent season on high.

However, for that to be the case Birmingham will have to do something they have only managed four times in the Championship in 2014 and emerge victorious today.

But having tasted defeat ten times during their last 13 outings, including five in a row heading into today's game, Birmingham are fully aware of the enormity of the task ahead.

Some shrewd winter business via the loan market from

manager Clark has undoubtedly played its part in ensuring that City have been given a fighting chance of avoiding the drop, most notably with the additions of Emrys Huws and Federico Macheda from Manchester City and Manchester United respectively.

Huws' form for the Blues in midfield has not gone unnoticed after he was handed a Wales debut by Chris Coleman back in March.

Meanwhile, Macheda's total of ten goals from just nine starts has left many Birmingham fans wondering how differently their season could have panned out had they acquired the Italian's services at the start of the season.

Tucked in behind Birmingham's top scorer Lee Novak in the goalscoring charts, the 22-year-old, along with Huws, will need to be at his prolific best if Birmingham are to remain a Championship club come the final whistle this afternoon.

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# STAR MAN

**Initially hailed as the next big thing at Manchester United, Federico Macheda may not have lived up to expectations at Old Trafford but he has certainly made a mark for himself in the Championship this season.**

After enjoying two temporary spells at Doncaster Rovers earlier in the season, the former Italy under-21 international joined Birmingham City on loan until the end of the season back in January.

Macheda began his football career with Lazio, before moving to England to join Manchester United in 2007.



After impressing for the Red Devils' under-18s and reserve sides, the then 17-year-old famously made his debut for Sir Alex Ferguson's side against Aston Villa in April 2009, coming off the bench to score a late winner.

The Italian followed up his maiden performance with a second goal less than a week later, again coming off the bench to provide a decisive strike, this time against Sunderland.

United would go on to win the Premier League title that year by just four points, with Macheda's pivotal role effectively ensuring his side's status as champions of England ahead of rivals Liverpool.

However, in the years that have followed since the 22-year-old was first thrown into the limelight, Macheda has struggled for game-time at Old Trafford, having seen injuries and loss of form stall his progress at the club.

Despite further strikes against Chelsea and Aston Villa, Macheda soon found himself out of favour in Manchester and accepted a loan move to Sampdoria during the second half of the 2011/12 season as an opportunity to showcase his ability.

Unfortunately no goals and just three league starts meant his time at the Genoa-based club was not a success.

Further loan spells with Queens Park Rangers and Stuttgart also proved unsuccessful, as a lack of game-time again saw Macheda fail to find the back of the net, with the German side declining on an option to make the move permanent.

With his days at Old Trafford seemingly numbered, Macheda first joined Doncaster on loan in September 2013 and scored twice on his full debut against Nottingham Forest in a 2-2 draw.

After scoring the only goal against Sheffield Wednesday in his next outing, a hamstring injury soon saw Macheda return to Old Trafford prematurely.

The Italian rejoined Doncaster in November after returning to full fitness, but his second spell with the club was less of a success as he failed to find the back of the net before once again returning to Manchester in January.

Joining Birmingham City later that month, Macheda had no such troubles at St Andrew's as a debut goal against Derby County ensured he made an instant impact for the Blues.

Braces against Charlton Athletic, Burnley, Bournemouth and former club Doncaster have seen Macheda take his tally to ten goals in ten starts, form which has given the Blues a fighting chance of survival.

And with Birmingham's Championship future still hanging in the balance, the forward will be keen for that run to continue today in what could prove to be his last appearance for the club.



# THE BOSS

**With Birmingham City currently a point adrift of safety heading into the final weekend of the Football League season, all eyes will be on manager Lee Clark as his side battle to avoid the drop.**

A midfielder during his playing days, Clark started his career with boyhood club Newcastle United in the early-90s and was part of the side that won promotion to the Premier League as Division One champions in 1993.

Clark's form for Newcastle following their promotion saw him become a regular for the England under-21s, while he later won a call-up to Glenn Hoddle's senior side for the Le Tournoi de France tournament in 1997, although he did not play.



After twice narrowly missing out on the Premier League title as Newcastle finished runners-up to Manchester United in both the 1995/96 and 1996/97 campaigns, in a shock move Clark dropped down a division to join Newcastle's arch-rivals Sunderland at the end of the campaign.

In his first season at the club Clark proved himself to be one of Sunderland's star players as they reached the Division One Play-Off Final, only to lose on penalties to Charlton Athletic following a 4-4 draw at Wembley.

Motivated by their near-miss, Sunderland went one better the following season as they dominated Division One to win both the title and promotion to the Premier League with a then record 105 points.

However, Clark struggled to replicate his form from the 1997/98 season, and rather than join his team-mates in the top flight, instead left Sunderland to join Division One side Fulham in 1999.

A third Division One winners' medal soon followed for Clark as Fulham won promotion to the Premier League in 2001.

Despite being named as Fulham's club captain for the 2004/05 season, Clark left Craven Cottage at the end of the campaign to re-join Newcastle United as player-coach, but would hang up his boots all together to focus on his coaching role after just one season at St James' Park.

After holding first team coach, reserve team manager and assistant manager roles at Newcastle and Norwich City, both under Glenn Roeder, Clark embarked on his first steps into management in December 2008 when he was named the new Huddersfield Town manager.

In his first full season with the Terriers, Clark guided Huddersfield into the League One play-offs, only to lose to Millwall in the semi-finals.

Equally impressive the following campaign, a 25-game unbeaten run at the end of the season saw Huddersfield once again challenge for promotion.

However, too many draws saw the Terriers once again settle for a place in the play-offs, where they would once again miss out on promotion after losing to Peterborough United in the final.

Despite later extending their unbeaten run to 43 games, Clark was surprisingly sacked by Huddersfield in February 2012 but he did not have to wait long to return to management however as he was appointed Birmingham City manager in July 2012.

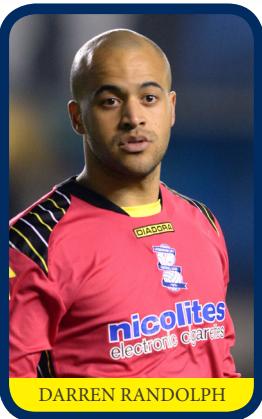
After an inconsistent campaign the Blues finished mid-table, seven points off the top six in Clark's first season in charge.

Despite being expected to push on and challenge for promotion, Birmingham have found things a little harder this year as they find themselves firmly embroiled in a relegation scrap that will be decided on the final day of the campaign.





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RECRUITED FROM: MOTHERWELL

DATE OF BIRTH: 21/05/1993

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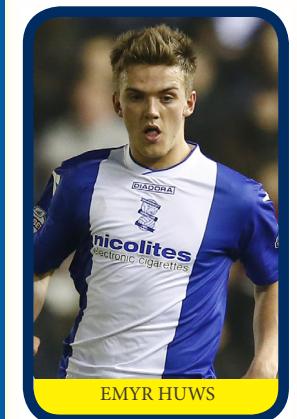
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CALLUM REILLY



EMYR HUWS

DATE OF BIRTH: 09/11/1993

POSITION: FULL-BACK

NATIONALITY: ENGLISH

RECRUITED FROM: ACADEMY

DATE OF BIRTH: 03/10/1993

POSITION: MIDFIELDER

NATIONALITY: IRISH

RECRUITED FROM: ACADEMY

DATE OF BIRTH: 30/09/1993

POSITION: MIDFIELDER

NATIONALITY: WELSH

RECRUITED FROM: MANCHESTER CITY (LOAN)



BRIAN HOWARD

DATE OF BIRTH: 23/01/1983  
POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
NATIONALITY: ENGLISH  
RECRUITED FROM: CSKA SOFIA



CHRIS BURKE

DATE OF BIRTH: 02/12/1983  
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NATIONALITY: SCOTTISH  
RECRUITED FROM: CARDIFF CITY



DEMARAI GRAY

DATE OF BIRTH: 28/06/1996  
POSITION: WINGER  
NATIONALITY: ENGLISH  
RECRUITED FROM: ACADEMY



SCOTT ALLAN

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NATIONALITY: SCOTTISH  
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NATIONALITY: SERBIAN  
RECRUITED FROM: VALENCIA



PETER LOVENKRANDS

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POSITION: STRIKER  
NATIONALITY: DANISH  
RECRUITED FROM: NEWCASTLE UNITED

# LOOKING BACK



**With a trip to Wembley and a place in the FA Cup semi-finals up for grabs, substitute Chung-Yong Lee was the hero when Wanderers' travelled to St Andrew's in March 2011 for one of our most memorable meetings with Birmingham City.**

Eager to reach the last four of the FA Cup for the first time in 11 years, Bolton were favourites heading into the match as they came up against Alex McLeish's injury-depleted Birmingham City side, who were missing no less than nine first-team regulars.

While also embroiled in the Premier League relegation scrap, the Blues were full of confidence coming into the tie, despite their lack of numbers and eager to make a quick return to the home of English football, having triumphed against Arsenal in the League Cup Final just two weeks earlier.

Owen Coyle's side were enjoying a fine recent run themselves, having lost just one of their eight previous matches while also winning four of their last five.

And as the game kicked off, it was the in-form Wanderers who started the better, eventually taking a deserved lead midway through the first half courtesy of Johan Elmänder.

Finding space, the Swede was on hand to emphatically fire home the opener after finding space in the box when running onto Ivan Klasnic's flick on from former Blue Fabrice Muamba's header.

Further misery was soon compiled on Birmingham as both Martin Jiranek and Barry Ferguson limped off injured before the half-hour mark to be replaced by Liam Ridgewell and 17-year-old Nathan Redmond.

However, rather than roll over and fold, the Blues fought back admirably despite the odds being up against them and managed to force home an equaliser shortly before the interval as Bolton conceded the first goal of their impressive FA Cup run.

Gifted to them with a hint of fortune against the run of play, David Wheater's clearance fell kindly to Cameron Jerome outside the box after the forward had initially headed on Ben Foster's goal kick.

Making the most of the unexpected opportunity, Jerome controlled the ball before unleashing a sweetly struck half-volley from the edge of the area, giving Jussi Jaaskelainen no chance in the Whites' goal as it nestled in the bottom corner, ensuring the scores were level heading into half-time.

After the break Birmingham were dismayed not to be awarded a penalty when Jerome went over in the area following a challenge from Jaaskelainen, only for his appeals to be waved away by referee Phil Dowd.

Joining the action just after the hour-mark, eventual match-winner Chung-Yong Lee was involved almost immediately as the South Korean had to be alert to clear off his own line after a Sebastian Larsson corner was diverted goalwards off the thigh of Blues defender David Murphy.

Awakened by their two near-misses, Wanderers responded well and were soon back in front via the penalty spot when Curtis Davies brought down Kevin Davies in the box.

The veteran England international duly picked himself up to convincingly hammer home the spot-kick to give his side a 2-1 lead with 25 minutes left to play.

However, Birmingham again fought back and were unlucky not to score a second equaliser when Kevin Phillips, despite finding himself surrounded by Bolton defenders, managed to produce a thunderous effort that agonizingly cannoned back off the far post following the faintest of touches from Jaaskelainen.

However, Birmingham and the ever-reliable Phillips were not to be denied for long, as the 37-year-old managed to find a leveller for the Blues with just ten minutes left on the clock.

With the ball bouncing kindly for him 20 yards from goal, Phillips turned expertly to connect with a first-time dipping volley that flew over Jaaskelainen into the net.

A replay seemed inevitable as the game entered injury time, but Chung-Young Lee was on hand to wrap up a dramatic win for the Whites, heading home Davies' header back across goal when unmarked in the area to send the Wanderers' faithful into raptures.

# NUMBERS GAME

2002

NUMBERGAME

The year Birmingham City won promotion to the Premier League for the first time in the club's history. The Blues secured their place in the top flight by beating Norwich City on penalties in the Division One Play-Off Final.

89

NUMBERGAME

The minute in which Obafemi Martins scored the winning goal against Arsenal in the 2011 League Cup final at Wembley to hand Birmingham their last major honour.

16

NUMBERGAME

Trevor Francis was just 16 when he made his Blues debut against Cardiff City in September 1970, becoming the club's youngest ever player in the process.

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NUMBERGAME

When Francis left St Andrew's to join Nottingham Forest in 1979, he became England's first ever £1 million player.

58

NUMBERGAME

Goalkeeper Maik Taylor is Birmingham City's most capped international player, winning 58 of his 88 international caps during his eight seasons with the club.

12-0

NUMBERGAME

Birmingham's record league victory was first recorded in a Second Division clash with Walsall Town Swifts in December 1892, and was then matched 11 years later in April 1903 against Doncaster Rovers.

249

NUMBERGAME

The number of times Birmingham's record league goalscorer Joe Bradford found the back of the net during his 15-year spell with the club between 1920 and 1935.

491

NUMBERGAME

Frank Womack's record number of league appearances for the Blues, registered during his 20 years at the club between 1908 and 1928.



# COMMUNITY TRUST 2013/14 SEASON REVIEW

## Bolton Wanderers Community Trust is the club's official charity, operating on a 'not for profit' basis.

The Trust provides a range of services particularly targeted at the most deprived communities of Bolton, which benefit children, young people and adults alongside working with schools, business and third sector organisations.

From innovative education, social inclusion and community cohesion projects through to a range of sports courses and events, we successfully use the power of sport and particularly football to engage the most disengaged people in the Bolton area.

The Trust is funded through a number of avenues, including nationally by the Football League Trust, Premier League Charitable Fund, Sport England Big Lottery, Children in Need and locally by Bolton at Home and Bolton Council.

As the season draws to its conclusion, we look back at the past nine months and pick out a number of key events that the Trust have instigated during that time.



## August

Wanderers kicked off the season by travelling to Lords to defend the National Street20 title that they had won the previous year.

An initiative that has worked with nearly 500 young people so far, the tournament saw teams from across the UK attending with the Bolton team made up of young people from the Goshia Mosque.

With the town represented in two separate teams, both sides managed to negotiate their way to the semi-finals of the competition where they were pitted against each other, with Bolton's B team coming out on top before defeating Newcastle to retain their crown.

## September

Our disability team carried on their fine form by starting their Ability Counts League season with three victories on the first night at the Salford City Reds Stadium.

The league features teams from Manchester United, Manchester City, Wigan Athletic, Avro FC and Oakwood FC, with the 7-a-side games taking place every Wednesday.

## October

October saw us host our annual Show Racism the Red Card event in which over 100 Year 6 pupils from local schools visited the Reebok Stadium to take part in workshops relating to racism to help them to understand various backgrounds.

They also got to experience a stadium tour and see behind the scenes before taking part in a question and answer session which was attended by Zat Knight, Medo Kamara and Curtis Fleming alongside former Liverpool player Howard Gayle.



## November

The Trust attended the North West Football Awards in November which were held at the Old Trafford Cricket Ground. The awards honoured those working and playing within the north west, with the club's 'Hearts & Goals' campaign winning the Community Initiative accolade, a scheme created to raise awareness of Sudden Cardiac Arrest deaths.



## December

Through our Premier League and PFA funded Active Families Project we attended Thornleigh Salesian School to deliver a certificate in sports leadership to a number of Year 10 students.

All those who took part passed the five week qualification and they then went on to deliver multi sports sessions at St Osmund and Andrews Primary School.



## January

There were no Christmas blues for BWCT table tennis coach Andrew Rushton as he secured a bronze medal at the Table Tennis World Championships. Andrew delivers table tennis sessions for the Trust across Bolton as part of the Premier League 4 Sport programme, originally set up to increase participation in a number of Olympic sports and help to leave a legacy from London 2012.

The project is still going strong and we are currently delivering sessions focusing on table tennis, boxing, hockey, golf, badminton, handball and basketball.



## February

Following the long winter, BWCT turned its thoughts to cricket and launched a Girls Cricket project. Working with Lancashire Cricket Board, the scheme was showcased prior to the Burnley game with former Bolton player David Cross and his daughter, current England and Lancashire bowler Kate attending a session where Kate took part in a Q&A with the female participants. The project has offered taster sessions across Bolton and created pathways into clubs and also talent ID days.

## March

As well as sport, the Trust offers a number of educational programmes through funding from the Department of Business, Innovation & Skills and the Premier League Charitable Fund. The funding has allowed us to deliver an enterprise programme which has seen young people think of an idea which will develop revenue streams from international markets, particularly in Africa and the USA.

After battling through the local rounds, a team from Westhoughton High school won the right to travel to the Stadium of Light where they pitted their wits against other clubs for a place in the final to be held at Westminster.

The product they designed was a Fan Club app which targets people from the home towns of first team players Tim Ream, Stuart Holden and Medo Kamara with the programme having allowed the young people to not only develop their business skills but also their personal confidence, presentation and social skills.



## April

The Trust hosted the Football League Kids Cup, an under-11 six a side football competition which sees the winners representing their club at the Championship Play-Off Final at Wembley.

A team from Bolton School were representing Bolton after winning a local competition, with the boys making their way to the final of the competition where they defeated local rivals Burnley.

The youngsters will now travel to London to represent both Bolton Wanderers Football Club and the North of England in late May.



# COMMUNITY TRUST SEASON IN NUMBERS

32627

COMMUNITYTRUST

The aggregate attendance at sessions during the course of the season

5-99

COMMUNITYTRUST

The age range of participants from the Trust's many schemes

41

COMMUNITYTRUST

The percentage of our participants which are female

142

COMMUNITYTRUST

The number of community player visits facilitated by the Trust

27

COMMUNITYTRUST

The number of people given part time voluntary opportunities within BWCT

3

COMMUNITYTRUST

The number of volunteers who have progressed to paid employment with the Trust

## CHAPLAIN'SVIEW

# BEYOND THE 90

### Charity success throughout the 2013/14 season

As the season comes to its conclusion against Birmingham City this afternoon, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the club's supporters for their support with the various charities that Bolton Wanderers Football Club have backed during the campaign.

We have held a number of fundraising activities throughout the course of the year and those associated with the club have always been more than willing to help – assistance that is incredibly appreciated, both by BWFC as a whole and the organisations which benefit from it.

As a football club, we have raised money for some extremely worthy charities thanks to the donations of Wanderers fans – our aim however is to ensure that we do even better during the 2014/15 season.

Thank you again for all your help and I look forward to welcoming you all back for the new season in August.

### Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Fans are also reminded that the club's annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving will take place later this month.

Conducted by myself and set to take place at the Reebok Stadium on Tuesday 27 May, the service will start pitch side at 6.30pm and will include the laying of a wreath of flowers and the playing of the Last Post in this special year of remembrance.

The service will then continue in the Platinum Suite with music, readings and a reflection, plus this year there will also be a moment of remembrance in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I.

It is always a very moving occasion and every year the number of people attending increases as people come together to pause and remember their loved ones. I hope you can all make what will undoubtedly be a special occasion.

Phil

## IN MEMORIAM - PAUL CRANSHAW

THE CLUB WERE GREATLY SADDENED TO HEAR OF THE LOSS OF ONE OF OUR SUPPORTERS PAUL CRANSHAW.

PAUL WAS A LONG STANDING SEASON TICKET HOLDER FOR MANY YEARS IN THE NAT LOFTHOUSE STAND TOGETHER WITH HIS BROTHER TONY AND HIS FATHER AND HE WILL BE SADLY MISSED BY ALL THOSE IN AND AROUND ROW HH.

HE WAS ONLY 54 WHEN HE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER OF THE LIVER WHICH LED TO HIS DEATH ON FEBRUARY 18. 2014.

ONLY A MONTH EARLIER, HE HAD RECEIVED ONE OF THE CLUB'S SPECIAL OCCASION TREATS ARRANGED BY HIS FAMILY TO ENSURE THEY CREATED GREAT MEMORIES FOR EVERYONE. WITH PAUL, HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS BEING ABLE TO MEET AND HAVE THEIR PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN WITH ZAT KNIGHT AND JAY SPEARING.

PAUL WAS A REGULAR AT HOME GAMES EVEN THOUGH HE LIVED IN WOLVERHAMPTON AND HIS HIGHLIGHTS WERE THE TRIPS TO CARDIFF AND WEMBLEY FOR THE SUCCESSFUL PLAY-OFF FINALS AND THE TRIP TO BAYERN MUNICH DURING WANDERERS' UEFA CUP CAMPAIGN.

ON BEHALF OF BOLTON WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB, WE WOULD LIKE TO PASS ON OUR SINCERE SYMPATHIES TO PAUL'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS - HE WILL BE MISSED.





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## May Half Term Holiday Courses (For children aged 5-13 years)

**May 27 - May 30 (10am-3pm)**

### Venues:

- Reebok Stadium & BWFC Academy
- St Catherine's Academy, Harwood

This May half term we are giving children the chance of a lifetime - to train on the pitch at the Reebok Stadium. The holiday course will include two days at the stadium and two days at the club's Academy training ground in Lostock.

During the courses we will also be offering specialist goalkeeping coaching - for the first time, budding goalkeepers will work with a trained coach on all aspects including technique, drills and game situations. The goalkeeping coaching is available for all four days at the Reebok Stadium and the BWFC Academy venue.

Venue	Course Options	Course Times	Price
BWFC Academy & Reebok Stadium	Four Days (Tues-Fri)	10am-3pm	£50
BWFC Academy & Reebok Stadium	Daily Booking	10am-3pm	£15

We also have the fantastic St Catherine's Academy venue in Harwood available once again for those young footballers from the other side of the town. This venue has both indoor and outdoor facilities available.

Venue/Date	Course Options	Course Times	Price
St Catherine's Academy	Four Days (Tues-Fri)	10am-3pm	£40
St Catherine's Academy	Daily Booking	10am-3pm	£10

To book a course by phone call 01204 673790 or do so online at [www.bwfcjuniors.co.uk](http://www.bwfcjuniors.co.uk).

# MATCHDAY BIRTHDAY PARTIES

We are offering junior supporters the chance to have their birthday party in style by having their own hospitality box for their special day to entertain their friends and family.

Come along to the Reebok Stadium enjoy a pre match hot and cold buffet then watch your heroes play from the comfort of your very own hospitality box with external cushioned seating - a chance of a lifetime for a young Wanderers fan!

The parties are for children ages six to sixteen years, for a minimum of five and a maximum of eight children with two adults included in the package!

- The Party cost is £180 and includes the following:
- Goody bags for all guests
  - Matchday programmes for all guests
  - Gift for the birthday VIP
  - Visit from one of our official mascots
  - Party invitations
  - Buffet style children's party food

To book or for more information please  
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## **BWFC JUNIORS – JOIN FOR SEASON 2014/15**

**BWFC Juniors is our junior season tickets and membership package, with a host of new benefits and savings.**

Three BWFC Junior membership packages are available, two of which will incorporate a season ticket. Access to a wide range of player appearance events will be included in the new membership packages, along with special offers on coaching courses and activities.

Membership packages for children aged 0-12, priced at £62, and 13-18, priced at £72, both include season tickets, whilst a non-season ticket package is available for £25 and includes six free match tickets. Details of the three BWFC Junior membership packages can be found below.

	<b>BWFC Juniors Membership</b>	<b>BWFC Juniors 0-12</b>	<b>BWFC Juniors 12-18</b>
<b>Cost</b>	£25	£62	£72
<b>Season ticket</b>	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Match-by-match ticket benefits</b>	Six free match tickets, with an adult ticket for £15	N/A	N/A
<b>Membership benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Free entry to special events</li><li>• 10% discount on BWFC holiday coaching courses</li><li>• Access to members' website</li><li>• Entry into Wanderers Connections discount scheme</li><li>• Entry into mascot draw for BWFC home matches</li><li>• Member Teamcard</li><li>• BWFC poster</li><li>• Membership Gift</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Free entry to special events</li><li>• 10% discount on BWFC holiday coaching courses</li><li>• Access to members' website</li><li>• Entry into Wanderers Connections discount scheme</li><li>• Entry into mascot draw for BWFC home matches</li><li>• Member Teamcard</li><li>• BWFC poster</li><li>• Membership Gift</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Free entry to special events</li><li>• 10% discount on BWFC holiday coaching courses</li><li>• Access to members' website</li><li>• Entry into Wanderers Connections discount scheme</li><li>• Entry into mascot draw for BWFC home matches</li><li>• Member Teamcard</li><li>• BWFC poster</li><li>• Membership Gift</li></ul>



### **HOME MASCOT**

**Name:** Zac Potts **Age:** 5

**Favourite Players:** Alex Baptiste & Adam Bogdan

**Hobbies:** Football



### **HOME MASCOT**

**Name:** Jay Devlin **Age:** 9

**Favourite Players:** Jay Spearing & Chung-Yong Lee

**Hobbies:** Football, Thai Boxing & Xbox



### **AWAY MASCOT**

**Name:** Alexander Edgar **Age:** 5

**Favourite Players:** Paul Robinson & Nikola Zigic

**Hobbies:** Rugby, football & super heroes

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Phyllis has been a member of the club's lotteries since their inception and remains a part of the Bolton Wanderers Development Association (Chorley) Ltd.

Phyllis originally worked for the club, manning one of the kiosks which were sited in Bolton's town hall square many years ago.

From here, she used to sell the Instant Win scratch cards, take payments for the Lifeline and Goldline scheme and generally chat to passers-by about the Bolton Wanderers lotteries.

This couldn't have arrived at a better time for Phyllis as she recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

She was presented with her cheque at half time by former players Syd Farrimond and Roy Greaves before making the draw for the Golden Gamble. Congratulations Phyllis!



### APPRECIATION FOR LOTTERY SUPPORT

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our lottery members, both Lifeline and Goldline plus the supporters who buy our Instant Win scratch cards and our match day Golden Gamble tickets - without your support, we would not be the success that we are.

It has been a tough year for the lotteries with the current financial climate but we are lucky enough to have some great people out there who have carried on with their subscriptions and hopefully many of them have been winners throughout the year.

We would also like to thank our army of agents who collect these subscriptions on a weekly basis on our behalf. You do a fantastic job for the club and you are thoroughly appreciated by us all within the Promotions team.

We hope you all have a fantastic summer and hopefully one of our big cash prizes will be coming to you soon.

To join any of our lotteries, please contact us at [promotions@bwfc.co.uk](mailto:promotions@bwfc.co.uk) or phone 01204 673777.

### CANVASSERS OUT AND ABOUT IN BOLTON

We currently have our team of canvassers out and about in Bolton and the surrounding areas, so if you would like to join our lotteries, please do not hesitate to sign up with them and hopefully we'll soon get you on the path to winning ways.

Canvassers are currently working door to door in some areas and have identification with them, plus you will see them at various supermarkets.

### MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO ERIC TOMLINSON

Our best wishes go to Eric Tomlinson who is here today celebrating an early 80th birthday treat.

Eric has been a season ticket holder for the past 65 years, has always supported the incentives put forward by the club and has also been a long standing member of Bolton Wanderers Lotteries.

We hope Eric has a great time here today at the game and happy 80th birthday from all of us here at Bolton Wanderers.

### SPECIAL OCCASION TREATS

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### Today's Programme Sponsor

Proud to be our programme sponsor for today's game are RICS and IRRV qualified surveyors, JD Consultancy. They would like to wish the Wanderers the very best of luck for the game today.



### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Jan Ayirgan who is here today celebrating his birthday. We hope that Jan and his friends have a great day with us!

Happy 40th Birthday to Nolan who is here today with his friends and family enjoying hospitality in one of our corner boxes. We hope that Nolan has a fantastic day here at the Reebok.

### 2014/15 Season

Hospitality, Advertising and sponsorship packages are available for next season. If you would like any further information on packages for the 2014/15 season, please contact the Corporate Sales team on **01204 673761** or e-mail [sales@bwfc.co.uk](mailto:sales@bwfc.co.uk).

### Thank you

The Corporate Sales Department would like to thank all sponsors, partners and hospitality guests for their continued support throughout the 2013/14 season. We trust you will join us again next season at the start of the new campaign, but in the meantime have a great summer.

### LOOKING BACK LEICESTER CITY



Match sponsors for the Leicester City game were Carling, whose guests are pictured here on the day with man of the match Tim Ream.



We would like to thank Bureau Van Dijk for being the matchball sponsor at the Leicester City fixture. Guests are pictured here on the day presenting the matchball to the officials just before kick off.

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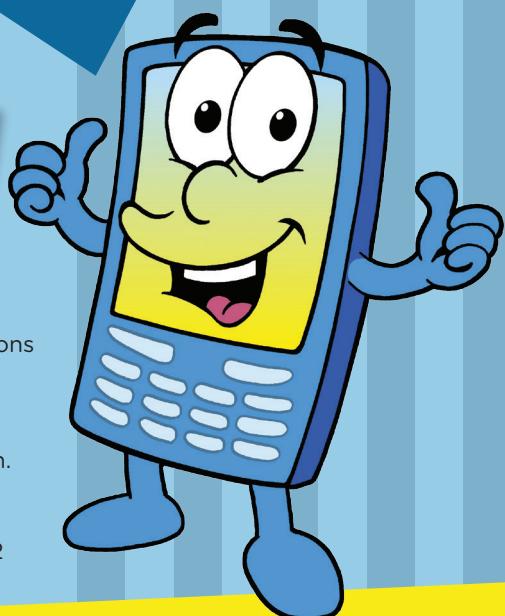
Richard Page is cycling 3,500 miles to all of Leicester City's Sky Bet Championship away games to raise money for his son, Ellis, who suffers from MECP2 Duplication Syndrome



The condition means that Ellis may never walk or talk, and suffers from chest infections and seizures, brought on by epilepsy.

**Sky Bet**, the title sponsor of the Football League, are backing Richard as he tries to raise £100,000 for the text "ellis" campaign.

With these funds, research can begin into finding a cure for Ellis, after an exciting breakthrough led to the reversal of MECP2 Duplication Syndrome in mice.



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DATE	OPPONENTS	ATEN	F	A	STARTING XI							
<b>AUGUST 2013</b>												
SAT 3	BURNLEY	12,919	1	1	BOGDAN LONERGAN	KNIGHT MEARS	BAPTISTE BAPTISTE	TIERNEY TIERNEY	WHEATER WHEATER	EAGLES HALL	ANDREWS PRATLEY	
WED 7	SHREWSBURY C.O. CUP 1	3,456	3	1	BOGDAN	KNIGHT	BAPTISTE	TIERNEY	WHEATER	SPEARING	PRATLEY	
<b>SAT 10</b>	<b>READING</b>	<b>15,551</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	BOGDAN	KNIGHT	BAPTISTE	TIERNEY	WHEATER	SPEARING	HALL	
SAT 17	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	22,306	0	3	BOGDAN	KNIGHT	BAPTISTE	TIERNEY	WHEATER	SPEARING	SPEARING	
<b>SAT 24</b>	<b>QUEENS PARK RANGERS</b>	<b>14,999</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	BOGDAN	KNIGHT	BAPTISTE	TIERNEY	WHEATER	SPEARING	HALL	
TUE 27	TRANMERE ROVERS	3,379	1	1	LONERGAN	MEARS	MILLS	KNIGHT	BAPTISTE	REAM	VELA	
SAT 31	BLACKBURN ROVERS	15,882	1	4	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	BAPTISTE	WHEATER	SPEARING	PRATLEY	
<b>SEPTEMBER 2013</b>												
<b>SAT 14</b>	<b>LEEDS UNITED</b>	<b>19,622</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	BOGDAN	MILLS	REAM	KNIGHT	BAPTISTE	TIERNEY	SPEARING	
<b>TUE 17</b>	<b>DERBY COUNTY</b>	<b>14,260</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	BOGDAN	MILLS	BAPTISTE	TIERNEY	WHEATER	REAM	SPEARING	
SAT 21	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	26,319	1	3	BOGDAN	MILLS	BAPTISTE	TIERNEY	WHEATER	REAM	SPEARING	
WED 25	CAPITAL ONE CUP 3											
<b>SAT 28</b>	<b>YEOVIL TOWN</b>	<b>14,716</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	BOGDAN	MILLS	REAM	BAPTISTE	TIERNEY	SPEARING	EAGLES	
<b>OCTOBER 2013</b>												
TUE 1	BLACKPOOL	13,819	0	0	BOGDAN	REAM	MCNAUGHTON	BAPTISTE	REAM	MILLS	PRATLEY	MEDO
SAT 5	BIRMINGHAM CITY	13,627	2	1	BOGDAN	BAPTISTE	MCNAUGHTON	BAPTISTE	REAM	MILLS	PRATLEY	PRATLEY
<b>SAT 19</b>	<b>SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>17,177</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	BOGDAN	MCNAUGHTON	BAPTISTE	TIERNEY	REAM	MILLS	FEENEY	
<b>SAT 26</b>	<b>IPSWICH TOWN</b>	<b>15,222</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	LONERGAN	MCNAUGHTON	BAPTISTE	MEDO	REAM	MILLS	LEE	
WED 30	CAPITAL ONE CUP 4											
<b>NOVEMBER 2013</b>												
SAT 2	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	10,015	2	0	LONERGAN	MCNAUGHTON	BAPTISTE	SPEARING	MILLS	REAM	LEE	
<b>SAT 9</b>	<b>MILLWALL</b>	<b>14,830</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	LONERGAN	MCNAUGHTON	BAPTISTE	SPEARING	MILLS	REAM	HALL	
SAT 23	WATFORD	15,247	1	0	LONERGAN	MCNAUGHTON	BAPTISTE	SPEARING	MILLS	REAM	DANNS	
SAT 30	MIDDLESBROUGH	23,679	0	1	LONERGAN	MCNAUGHTON	BAPTISTE	MEDO	REAM	MILLS	LEE	
<b>DECEMBER 2013</b>												
<b>TUE 3</b>	<b>HUDDERSFIELD TOWN</b>	<b>15,452</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	LONERGAN	MCNAUGHTON	REAM	MEDO	MILLS	KNIGHT	HALL	
<b>SAT 7</b>	<b>DONCASTER ROVERS</b>	<b>15,471</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	LONERGAN	MCNAUGHTON	BAPTISTE	SPEARING	MILLS	REAM	LEE	
SUN 15	WIGAN ATHLETIC	19,226	2	3	LONERGAN	MCNAUGHTON	BAPTISTE	PRATLEY	MILLS	REAM	DANNS	
WED 18	CAPITAL ONE CUP 5											
<b>SAT 21</b>	<b>CHARLTON ATHLETIC</b>	<b>14,923</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	LONERGAN	MCNAUGHTON	BAPTISTE	DANNS	MILLS	REAM	EAGLES	
THU 26	BARNESLEY	12,484	1	0	LONERGAN	MCNAUGHTON	BAPTISTE	PRATLEY	MILLS	REAM	EAGLES	
SUN 29	LEICESTER CITY	26,614	3	5	LONERGAN	BAPTISTE	REAM	MEDO	MILLS	REAM	HALL	
<b>JANUARY 2014</b>												
<b>WED 1</b>	<b>MIDDLESBROUGH</b>	<b>17,410</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	LONERGAN	BAPTISTE	REAM	PRATLEY	KNIGHT	MILLS	LEE	
<b>SAT 4</b>	<b>BLACKPOOL F.A. CUP 3</b>	<b>11,180</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	LONERGAN	BAPTISTE	REAM	MEDO	MILLS	KNIGHT	DANNS	
<b>SAT 11</b>	<b>NOTTINGHAM FOREST</b>	<b>17,046</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	LONERGAN	BAPTISTE	REAM	SPEARING	MILLS	KNIGHT	DANNS	
SAT 18	READING	18,629	1	7	LONERGAN	BAPTISTE	REAM	DAVIES	MILLS	KNIGHT	DANNS	
<b>SAT 25</b>	<b>CARDIFF CITY FA CUP R4</b>	<b>12,750</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	LONERGAN	BAPTISTE	REAM	SPEARING	KNIGHT	MILLS	LEE	
TUE 28	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	15,097	1	2	LONERGAN	BAPTISTE	REAM	MEDO	MILLS	KNIGHT	PRATLEY	
<b>FEBRUARY 2014</b>												
SAT 1	IPSWICH TOWN	15,429	0	1	LONERGAN	BAPTISTE	REAM	MEDO	KNIGHT	MILLS	M DAVIES	
<b>SAT 8</b>	<b>A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH</b>	<b>14,336</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	BOGDAN	BAPTISTE	REAM	DAVIES	MILLS	KNIGHT	TROTTER	
<b>TUE 11</b>	<b>BURNLEY</b>	<b>16,439</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	BOGDAN	BAPTISTE	REAM	MEDO	MILLS	WHEATER	EAGLES	
SAT 15	MILLWALL	10,007	1	1	BOGDAN	BAPTISTE	REAM	MEDO	MILLS	WHEATER	DAVIES	
<b>SAT 22</b>	<b>WATFORD</b>	<b>15,179</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	BOGDAN	BAPTISTE	REAM	SPEARING	MILLS	WHEATER	DAVIES	
<b>MARCH 2014</b>												
<b>SAT 1</b>	<b>BLACKBURN ROVERS</b>	<b>17,541</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	BOGDAN	BAPTISTE	REAM	<b>SPEARING</b>	KNIGHT	WHEATER	<b>MEDO</b>	
SAT 8	LEEDS UNITED	28,904	5	1	BOGDAN	BAPTISTE	REAM	SPEARING	KNIGHT	WHEATER	MEDO	
TUE 11	DERBY COUNTY	23,435	0	0	BOGDAN	HUTTON	BAPTISTE	MEDO	KNIGHT	REAM	DANNS	
<b>SAT 15</b>	<b>BRIGHTON &amp; HOVE ALBION</b>	<b>15,336</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	BOGDAN	HUTTON	BAPTISTE	SPEARING	KNIGHT	REAM	MEDO	
SAT 22	YEOVIL TOWN	6,344	2	2	BOGDAN	HUTTON	BAPTISTE	SPEARING	KNIGHT	REAM	MEDO	
<b>TUE 25</b>	<b>BLACKPOOL</b>	<b>14,903</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	BOGDAN	HUTTON	REAM	SPEARING	KNIGHT	REAM	LEE	
SAT 29	WIGAN ATHLETIC	18,853	1	1	BOGDAN	HUTTON	REAM	MEDO	KNIGHT	REAM	LEE	
<b>APRIL 2014</b>												
SAT 5	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	15,120	1	0	BOGDAN	HUTTON	REAM	MEDO	KNIGHT	WHEATER	DANNS	
TUE 8	DONCASTER ROVERS	7,508	2	1	BOGDAN	HUTTON	REAM	SPEARING	KNIGHT	WHEATER	MEDO	
<b>SAT 12</b>	<b>BARNESLEY</b>	<b>15,845</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	BOGDAN	HUTTON	BAPTISTE	SPEARING	MILLS	REAM	LEE	
FRI 18	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	15,773	0	0	BOGDAN	HUTTON	REAM	SPEARING	MILLS	WHEATER	DANNS	
<b>TUE 22</b>	<b>LEICESTER CITY</b>	<b>16,569</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	BOGDAN	WHITE	REAM	MILLS	KNIGHT	WHEATER	HALL	
SAT 26	SHFFIELD WEDNESDAY	23,070	3	1	BOGDAN	THRELKELD	REAM	TROTTER	MILLS	WHEATER	LEE	
<b>MAY 2014</b>												
SAT 3	BIRMINGHAM CITY											

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# MAN BEHIND THE MIC

Philip Gittins  
Wanderers Player commentator

**Good afternoon and for the final time this season welcome to the Reebok as the curtain comes down on the 2013/14 campaign.**

Following their 1-0 victory against us here 11 days ago, as we stood in the tunnel area preparing to do the post-match interviews, it was hard not to cast an envious glance as the Leicester City players and staff joyously celebrated the victory that ensured they would be promoted to the Barclays Premier League as champions.

Hopefully it represented a tantalising glimpse into the future and 12 months from now, such celebrations will hopefully be replicated here at BL6 but with all the noise emanating from the home dressing room.

But while there is no such ending for us this time around, the second half of this season has shown that Wanderers are undoubtedly a side moving in the right direction.

Having narrowly lost at Ipswich Town on February 1, a defeat that proved to be our last on the road this term, the Whites left

Suffolk having acquired 28 points from their 28 league matches so far.

In the 17 Championship clashes since though, the men from the Reebok have lost just three games, picking up 30 points in the process.

An improvement in fortunes that has been achieved on the back of hard work and organisation as Wanderers have become a much tougher nut to crack defensively, conceding just 13 of the 58 goals they have shipped this season in that period.

Solid foundations that have enabled us to flourish in an attacking sense, as over the last couple of months the Whites have started to play with real fluidity and a creative flair that at times has seen them cut through teams at will.

The performances here against Blackburn and away at Leeds and Doncaster were certainly evidence of this, as was last Saturday's victory at Hillsborough.

In many ways it is a real pity that the end of the season is upon us with Wanderers having found some real momentum of late.

But we are where we are and, hopefully having secured a further three points today, we will go into the off season on a positive note, confident that we can make a strong start at the beginning of the next campaign.

Enjoy the game and your summer break!



## LEAGUE TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LEICESTER CITY	45	30	9	6	82	43	39	99
2	BURNLEY	45	26	14	5	70	35	35	92
3	DERBY COUNTY	45	25	9	11	83	51	32	84
4	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	45	22	11	12	57	42	15	77
5	WIGAN ATHLETIC	45	21	10	14	58	44	14	73
6	READING	45	19	13	13	68	54	14	70
7	BRIGHTON	45	18	15	12	53	39	14	69
8	BLACKBURN ROVERS	45	17	16	12	66	59	7	67
9	BOURNEMOUTH	45	18	12	15	67	65	2	66
10	IPSWICH TOWN	45	17	14	14	58	53	5	65
11	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	45	16	17	12	66	62	4	65
12	MIDDLESBROUGH	45	15	16	14	58	49	9	61
13	WATFORD	45	15	15	15	73	60	13	60
14	BOLTON WANDERERS	45	14	16	15	57	58	-1	58
15	LEEDS UNITED	45	16	8	21	58	66	-8	56
16	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	45	13	14	18	62	63	-1	53
17	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	45	13	11	21	54	64	-10	50
18	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	45	12	12	21	38	61	-23	48
19	BLACKPOOL	45	11	13	21	38	63	-25	46
20	MILLWALL	45	10	15	20	45	74	-29	45
21	DONCASTER ROVERS	45	11	11	23	39	69	-30	44
22	BIRMINGHAM CITY	45	11	10	24	56	72	-16	43
23	BARNESLEY	45	9	12	24	42	74	-32	39
24	YEOVIL TOWN	45	8	13	24	43	71	-28	37

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## TODAY'S FIXTURES

### SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP

**BARNESLEY V QPR 12:15**

**BLACKBURN V WIGAN 12:15**

**BLACKPOOL V CHARLTON 12:15**

**BOLTON V BIRMINGHAM 12:15**

**IPSWICH V SHEFF WED 12:15**

**LEEDS V DERBY 12:15**

**LEICESTER V DONCASTER 12:15**

**MILLWALL V BOURNEMOUTH 12:15**

**NOTTM FOREST V BRIGHTON 12:15**

**READING V BURNLEY 12:15**

**WATFORD V HUDDERSFIELD 12:15**

**YEOVIL V MIDDLESBROUGH 12:15**

# game on or game over

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WANDERERS**  
MANAGER: DOUGIE FREEMAN

- 1 ADAM BOGDAN
- 2 TYRONE MEARS
- 3 ALAN HUTTON
- 4 MATT MILLS
- 5 TIM REAM
- 6 JAY SPEARING
- 7 CHRIS EAGLES
- 10 JERMAINE BECKFORD
- 11 ROBERT HALL
- 12 ZAT KNIGHT
- 14 ANDRE MORITZ
- 15 ALEX BAPTISTE
- 16 MARK DAVIES
- 17 LIAM TROTTER
- 18 NEIL DANNS
- 20 JOE RILEY
- 21 DARREN PRATLEY
- 22 STUART HOLDEN
- 23 MARC TIERNEY
- 24 ANDREW LONERGAN
- 25 JOSH VELA
- 27 CHUNG-YONG LEE
- 28 CRAIG DAVIES
- 29 LUKAS JUTKIEWICZ
- 30 ANDREW ROBINSON
- 31 DAVID WHEATER
- 32 TOM EAVES
- 33 HAYDEN WHITE
- 34 JAY LYNCH
- 37 ARRAN LEE-BARRETT
- 38 OLUWASANMI ODELUSI
- 39 CHRIS LESTER
- 41 OSCAR THREKELD
- 43 ANDREW KELLETT
- 44 MEDO KAMARA
- 46 GEORG ILIEV



**BIRMINGHAM  
CITY**  
MANAGER: LEE CLARK

- 1 DARREN RANDOLPH
- 2 NEAL EARDLEY
- 4 PAUL ROBINSON
- 5 TOM THORPE
- 6 AARON MARTIN
- 7 CHRIS BURKE
- 8 JORDON IBE
- 9 FEDERICO MACHEDA
- 10 BRIAN HOWARD
- 11 PETER LØVENKRANDS
- 12 LEE NOVAK
- 13 COLIN DOYLE
- 14 WILL PACKWOOD
- 17 CALLUM REILLY
- 18 MITCH HANCOX
- 19 NIKOLA ŽIGIĆ
- 20 OLLY LEE
- 21 AKWASI ASAANTE
- 22 ANDREW SHINNIE
- 23 JONATHAN SPECTOR
- 24 TOM ADEYEMI
- 25 MATT GREEN
- 26 SCOTT ALLAN
- 27 SHANE FERGUSON
- 29 REECE BROWN
- 31 PAUL CADDIS
- 33 DEMARAI GRAY
- 35 ALBERT RUSNÁK
- 36 EMYR HUWS
- 37 TYLER BLACKETT

# THE TEAMS

## MATCHDAY OFFICIALS

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